House will be conveyed to the Minister concerned.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

National highways (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the National Highways (Amendment) Ordinance, 1992.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1992

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

New economic and industrial policies of the Government

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, today, lakhs of workers, employees and peasants have come to New Delhi and have assembled near Parliament, to bring to the notice of Parliament and through Parliament, the Government, the misery heaped on the people of our country as a consequence of the disastrous economic and industrial policies of the Government.

From throughout the country, from all over India, people have assembled here. In fact, they are waiting near the Boat Club, near the India Gate, because they cannot enter Parliament. But we, as representatives of the people of our country, cannot but take note of this particular fact. Sir, the prices have skyrocketed, bringing misery to the common people of our country. The Exit Policy of the Government is already being implemented. As a result of this, thousands of workers are facing retrenchment. Already, there are ten crore people unemployed. In this background, you can imagine what disaster this Exit Policy would spell to the economy of the country.

Reduction in the subsidies on fertilisers has led to an increase in the prices of fertilisers. This has also a fall-out on food production. The laws merely remain on the statute-book. There is a law on the statute-book in relation to agricultural workers, but they are yet to be given a better wherwithal. The women workers are still being discriminated against, though a National Commission for Women has been set up in the meantime.

A green signal has been given to the multinationals, allowing them to fleece our market and out country. You know what disaster this opening up of our country to multinationals has led us to. This has resulted in the securities scam on which a Joint Parliamentary Committee has been constitued. Through the Press briefings of the Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary Committee, people have already come to know the disastrous outcome of this liberalisation policy. Disinvestment has already started. We know what scandalous proportions this disinvestment of shares of public sector undertakings has assumed. Everywhere, there is only misery. In no area, nowhere, the new industrial and economic policies have resulted in any benefit. (*Interruptions*) Therefore, lakhs of workers have gathered in New Delhi, today, to protest against the industrial and economic policies of the Government *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kalmadi, please wait. He is going to stop in a minute.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, lakhs of workers and employees have come to protest against the diastrous economic and industrial policies of this Government. I want the Government to react. If the Government does not reverse these policies—still there is time—it will spell a disaster to our country, not only to our country's economy but even to the sovereignty of our country. Because of liberalisation the country's sovereignty is at stake. Therefore, on behalf of the workers outside I forewarn the Government. Let the Government come out and reverse these policies.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Sir,.....*(Interruptions)*.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Kalmadi, let me speak. *(Interruptions)*.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot hear.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, one of our hon. colleagues, Mr. Raoof Valiullah, a Member of this House....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, I know that, but let this matter be over. Yes, Mr. Reddy.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, you are good enough to identify me. *(Interruptions)*. All right, you speak first.

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर (उत्तर प्रदेश): श्रीमन् यद्यपि यह विचित्र दिखाई देगा कि सीपीएम के मेरे मित्र ने जो सवाल खड़ा किया है उसके साथ मैं एसोशिएट कर रहा हूं। लेकिन एक घटना ऐसी है जिसके विषय में मैं अपनी पार्टी की तरफ से आवाज न खड़ी करूं तो शायद गरीब और दरिद्र लोगों के साथ अन्याय होगा। इसी विषय पर मेरी पार्टी ने तीन नवम्बर को "भारत बंद" का आह्वान किया था। सरकार ने कुछ न कुछ थोड़ी सुविधाएं दबाव में घोषित कीं। मैं इस अवसर पर बढ़ती हुई महंगाई, तेल की कीमतों, खाने की चीजों, गेहूं का इम्पोर्ट, खाद में बढ़ती हुई महंगाई इन सब की ओर सरकार का ध्यान दिलाना चाहता हूं। मैं समझता हूं जहां तक ये विषय हैं इस विषय में शायद सरकार एक तरफ होगी लेकिन सारा देश एक तरफ है। उनकी नीतियों ने जो यह सारी स्थिति पैदा की है मैं आवाज मिलाना चाहता हूं सब लोगों के साथ कि सरकार आगाह हो जाए और अपनी नीतियों में युद्ध परिवर्तन करे। हो सकता है परिवर्तन के सुझाव सीपीएम के और हों, जनता दल के और हों, मेरे और हों। लेकिन उन्हें कोई न कोई ऐसा रास्ता निकालना पड़ेगा जिससे कि महंगाई रुके और जो कीमतें बढ़ी हैं उनको वापस करें। खासतौर से पेट्रोल पर, गैस पर जो कीमतें बढ़ी हैं उनको वापस लेना चाहिए। फर्टीलाइजर पर सपोर्ट प्राइस बंद की उसको वापस लिया जाना चाहिए। मैं समझता हूं....

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र (बिहार): रिट्रेन्चमेंट बंद हो।

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर यह अच्छी बात है। हमारे सीपीआई के मित्र ने कहा कि छटनी बंद की जाए। मैं समझता हूं छटनी न हो यह विषय सारे देश का होगा। कौन चाहेगा हमारे मजदूर आज बेघरबार हो जाएं।

मैं आपका धन्यवाद करता हूं आपने मुझे इस विषय पर बोलने का अवसर दिया। यद्यपि आप विरोधी हैं लेकिन मेरा समर्थन आपके काज को है आपको नहीं है।

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to associate myself with the views and sentiments articulated by my hon. colleague, Mr. Dipen Ghosh. Sir, the huge demonstration that has been staged today near the Boat Club is against the total reversal of nationally accepted economic policies by the Congress (I) Government in the name of new economic policy. We already are aware of the disastrous results of the new economic policies. It has deepened unemployment problem, it has strengthened inflationary forces. What is more, it has also caused a slump in our economy. We are facing today a classic situation of stagflation.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, the new econmic policy could be summed up in two expressions: exit for the Indian labour and entry for the multinationls. Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to a news item that has been published in the *Economic Times* today. I am told a proposal has been finalized already to sell away BHEL, of which the whole country is legimitately proud, to a foreign company. I would like the Government to respond to this. There is a need for the Government to rethink, to reconsider. There is a need to reverse the reversal process of our economic policies

and I want the Government to respond to this issue here and now.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया (बिहार): मैं तो चाहता हूं कि सदन में एक विधेयक लाया जाय जिस विधेयक के माध्यम से जो कर्मचारी न हों वे ट्रेड यूनियन के लीडर न बन सकें.... (**व्यवधान**)।

MR. CHAIRMAN: One minute. May I call someone, for fairness's sake, from this side also, before you start?..... *(Interruptions)*.....I will allow but from this side I should like to call someone.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Let us finish this subject first.

श्री राम नरेश यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश): श्रीमन् मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि .....(**व्यवधान**)।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you having another subject?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): He is on a different subject.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): He has to speak on the same thing, Sir. He is on a different issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Then, please, after Mr. Sinha.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I rise to associate myself with the sentiments which have been expressed by my colleagues in this House in regard to the economic policy of the Government. It has been pointed out that this new economic policy is leading the country towards perdition, towards disaster, and it is doing no good to anyone. Now, one can understand ...*(Interruptions)*... Why not?

SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): This is Zero Hour ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: If Chairman permits, then I have the right to speak. I am not going to be silenced by you. ... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please, please.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, this massive demonstration which has been organized outside against the policies of the Government is a reflection of the mood of the people of this country, and the point I would like to make is, when the Government formulates its policies, there are certain things about which they should come out clearly but this Government, I am sorry to say, is doing something behind the back, under the table, without coming clean on this. Now they are saying we have an exit policy but there is no debate yet on the exit policy, we do not know what is going to be the framework of that exit policy. But exit is already taking place.

Do you know what is happening to the public sector of this country? It is being destroyed by the policies of this Government ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, I am sorry to say this, that a large amount of money to the public sector for their functioning in the current financial year is supposed to flow from the market through loans and mergers which they are supposed to raise, and not a single paise is being raised by the public sector. They are not in a position because the financial market has crashed. They cannot raise a single rupee from the open market. This is the situation of the public sector, and the Rs. 12,000-14,000 crores which they are supposed to raise for their functioning in the current year is all set at nought. Now, this is the way this Government is extinguishing the public sector in this country, which is a major part.

There is also an international conspiracy, and I accuse that this Government has unfortunately fallen prey to that international conspiracy to destroy Indian agriculture. The way the fertilizer subsidy has been abolished, the way it has been thrown into complete confusion, the way fertilizer prices have been raised and the manner in which they are importing wheat, all this indicates that the Government is set to destroy Indian agriculture, the self-sufficiency in food that we have, with a great deal of labour and effort, been able to achieve. So I charge that this Government is creating a situation where this country's economy will be

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destroyed and we will be thrown to the winds...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. May I ask the...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): We are not scared of a discussion, but not by association...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does anyone from the Government Benches wish to speak?

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, he wants to speak...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will come to you.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: सभापति महोदय, हर सत्र के शुरू होने के पहले सब विपक्षी पार्टियां इकट्ठी होकर एक आवाज बुलंद करती है और सरकार की महत्वपूर्ण नीतियों को लेकर, उसका विरोध करना यह इनका एक धर्म सा बन गया है। ...(**व्यवधान**)... जिस आर्थिक नीति के ये बात करते हैं, इस आर्थिक नीति की शुरुआत किसने की?

श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुजराल (बिहार): जवाहर लाल नेहरु ने।

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: और आर्थिक नीति में परिवर्तन लाने की बात किसने की? यह परिवर्तन लाने के पहले 1990 और 1991 के हमारे चुनाव घोषणा-पत्र में हमने बड़ी अच्छी तरह से और बड़े साफ शब्दों में लिखा था कि हम आर्थिक-नीति ...(**व्यवधान**)...में परिवर्तन लायेंगे। ...(**व्यवधान**)...आप बैठिये। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश): आपने ...(**व्यवधान**)... आपने लिखा था कि सौ दिन में कीमतें घटा दी जायेंगी ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have listened to you. You also please listen to them.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: उस घोषणा-पत्र को पढ़कर लोगों ने अपना मत देकर कांग्रेस को यहां पर पदासीन किया है और ये बातें, जो आप कह रहे हैं, इनको कहने के पहले जरा सोचिये—दीपेन घोष महोदय बड़े जोर-जोर से अपने कंठ की सारी ताकत लगाकर, उन्होंने अपनी बात रखी। पर मैं कहता हूं कि जो हमारे केन्द्रीय सरकार के मंत्री पी० ए० संगमा हैं, उनके साथ उनकी बार-बार मीटिंग होती रही, लेबर लीडर्स की, डिफरेंट पोलिटिकल पार्टीज के लीडर्स की और उस वक्त वे सहमत होते रहे और हर कागज पर दस्तखत करते रहे कि गोल्डन हैंडशेक मिलता रहे और हर चीज को वे मानते रहे और आज जब यह देखते हैं कि इनके पैरों के नीचे की जमीन खिसक रही है तो...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am asking some of you to speak. I am giving you a chance after him.

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया: आज जब लोग गोल्डन हैंडशेक में दस्तखत कर पैसा ले रहे हैं और नौकरियां छोड़ रहे हैं तो इनको तकलीफ हो रही है क्योंकि इसके कारण इनकी सदस्य संख्या दिन प्रति दिन कम हो रही है।

सभापति महोदया, मेरा कहना है कि अगर इस नयी आर्थिक नीति पर, औद्योगिक नीति पर ये कोई विशेष चर्चा करना चाहते हैं तो हम सदन में इस पर पूरी बहस कराने के लिये तैयार हैं और जो फैक्ट्स हैं उनको लाकर ये सामने रखें ताकि देश के लोग जान सकें कि इनका चरित्र और मुखौटा सदन के अंदर और सदन को बाहर क्या है। धन्यवाद।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, most reluctantly I must submit that the statement made by our honourable friend, Mr. Ahluwalia, that there was a consensus between the trade unions on the one side and the Government on the other regarding the public sector exit policy and all that is far from truth. I was a member of a parliamentary committee appointed at the initiative of the Prime Minister. We have submitted...

SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu): What has been transacted in parliamentary committees should not be referred to here.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Why did Mr. Ahluwalia refer to it? (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I submit that there is before the Government the unanimous recommendation that has suggested that the public sector should not be dealt with in the way it is being done now. I must inform the House that the Government has not been able to look into the pages of the report.

That report has not been taken up for consideration at all.

Secondly, Sir, I submit that tripartite committees were formed at the initiative of the Ministry of Labour. Before the recommendations of the tripartite committees were made, the Government started announcing one after another the voluntary retirement scheme, the exit policy, and even threats have been held out for closing down a number of units which, in their opinion, have been considered to be non-viable.

Sir, let me tell you one very interesting thing. At least 50 public sector units have been referred to the BIFR. Before the BIFR has been able to take a decision and when the matter is pending before the BIFR, the Government has gone out of the way to cut down the budgetary allocation for the public sector which means, if the budgetary allocation is cut down and reduced, these units will die a natural death even before the BIFR is able to give verdict on them. This is the situation the country is facing. All the Public sector units are reeling under the impact to terrible uncertainty because of the policy that the Government is pursuing. But I do not know what the policy is because this Parliament has never discussed it.

MR CHAIRMAN: Please cut short your speech.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, let me conclude. My point is that they have been referring to the parliamentary discussions. But this House has never discussed the Exit policy. This House has never discussed the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. This House has never discussed the other aspects of the Government Policy. Therefore, wherefrom the Government has got the mandate, the popular mandate to excute the policy that it is bent upon doing?

Sir, at the beginning, you have referred to the faces of the people who are meek, humble, wretched, downtrodden and you are a representative of the downtrodden section of the Indian community. Sir, those lakhs of downtrodden people are here in the capital. What is their claim? they would like to get a square meal. They would like to get a right to live. Sir, the policy of Dr. Manmohan Singh, that is, privatisation...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please stop.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: One minute more, Sir.

This policy...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Are we having a discussion on this policy? If they want a discussion on this, let them bring it before the Business Advisory Committee. After the BAC decides about it, then, we can have a discussion on it. He is presenting only one side of the picture. He can just associate himself it. ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Just half-a-minute.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: I will abide by it. My point is that the policy of liberalisation and privatisation has given a wrong signal that this country's economy can be converted into a free-for-all. We call a halt to the aggression that is being committed on the Indian downtrodden people by the present Government and by the present Finance Minister...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swaminathan ... (*Interruptions*) ... Mr. Swaminathan, wait a minute. I have to give a chance to this side also.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for giving me this opportunity. The Opposition side have levelled charges against the Government on the New Economic Policy. What was our economic position when the then Janata Dal Government was in power which was supported by the BJP and the Left parties?...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Let him speak.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: They started fighting on the Mandal and Masjid issues and left the country in the

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lurch. India had to go with a begging bowl for getting foreign aid. Not only that; the balance of payments position was kept at Rs. 1500 crores. The previous Government headed by Shri Rajiv Gandhi had left the balance of payments position which was higher, at more than Rs. 7000 crores. Apart from that....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, are we entering into a debate?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to hear him.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Who sold the gold?...*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The gold was sent abroad and mortgaged in a foreign bank. Subsequently the gold was sold by the previous Government. The hon. Member of this House, who was the then Finance Minister was a party to the pledging of our precious gold abroad.

I am going to conclude in a minute. I would like to submit about the new Economic Policy. Today, the balance of payments position is more than Rs. 9,500 crores. It is more than what is required by the country. The export situation has improved. The inflation rate which was in double-digit during the Janata Dal Government has been brought down to 9.1 per cent. It is in single digits today. *(Interruptions)*.... Foreign investments are coming in and apart from that..*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Have you seen the World Bank report?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: You can consult Prof. Thakur..*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Kindly bear with me. In the agricultural field, we have attained self-sufficiency. The Opposition charges about the Government are baseless. In the matter of the New Economic Policy, apart from the Central Government, the State Governments also have to cooperate for the purpose of achieving its full objectives. Their charges are baseless and are Politically motivated. Thank you.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I stand before you....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: They have created confusion in the society. They are thrown out of their jobs. *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, I stand before you to support the sentiments of my colleage, Mr. Dipen Ghosh, has raised here. The position of the country on the economic front and the suffering of the poor people have to be seen to be believed.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, during the last Session, he was talking something else.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Sir, the hon. Member, Mr. Narayanasamy, has been informing us of the economic policy. I am not going into the whole gamut of the economic policy. But I will touch only one or two points.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please be very brief.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I will touch only one or two points. I am not going into the entire economic policy of the Government which needs a debate here. And, if a debate is raised, we are all prepared to participate in it and discuss the economic policy and the ruin it has caused to the country. Only one think I may like to mention here because our hon. friend Mr. Narayanasamy has been stating that the BoP position has gone high because of the Finance Minister. Their calculation is wrong in this sense. They call it a 'reserve', a 'finance reserve'. They call 'reserves' what they have got by loan from the IMF, what they have got by loan from the NRIs. *(Interruptions)*.... The point is whether they have increased it, whether they have 'earned' after they have assumed office. I want to ask them this. I was their colleague and I know them in and out. What is

the position? Have they earned, have they earned any single 'naya paisa', out of export?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please wind up now. You have made your point.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: On exports, the BoP position has gone down. They are showing false accounts. They call 'reserves' the loan which we have to repay to the Reserve Bank of India, to the NRIs.

I would like to say one more thing before I finish. The State Government has to bear the brunt of the policies that are adopted by this Government. The State Government has to face the music while the Central Government is making the policies sitting in an ivory tower. I would only add this. During the NIC meeting, they never talked of the prices of petroleum goods. Not only they have not consulted leaders of the Opposition...*(Interruptions)*.... Not only a meeting of the leaders of the Opposition has not been held. Even Chief Ministers have not been consulted. Not only leaders of parties. Sir, at the NIC meeting, they never said that they were going to raise the prices of petroleum goods. Two days after the meeting, not caring for the will of the people,....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please conclude now? You have had enough time.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I am concluding. I strongly support the sentiments expressed. And, I hope we will be given more opportunities to say what we feel on such issues.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. N.K.P. Salve. I have to be fair to this side also.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Sir, I do not want to intervene in this discussion, not a bit at all, because it is the convention of the House to allow Members to refer to any demonstration if that is taking place and that is, perhaps, in consonance with what is happening in this House. But, I am sure, Sir, your permission was confined to referring to the demands of the demonstrators. But it is most unfortunate that in this House, on this limited issue, what has been said is virtually a debate on the economic policies. *(Interruptions)*.... Kindly bear with me. You have your views on the matter. We have our views on the matter. The point is, there should be a proper forum, there should be a proper procedure. We don't expect them to agree with us. Let there not be....*(Interruptions)*....Sir, you just now said, "Democracy means a decent dissent." They cannot compel us to agree with them but they certainly can compel us to a thought. This kind of a debate is very unwarranted. I want to make the position of my party clear. If they want a debate on the Economic Policy, let us have it *(Interruptions)*....Let us have a debate. Please do not for a moment think that we are timid...*(Interruptions)*....

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र:...(व्यवधान)

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): आप इनको बोलने तो दीजिए।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र: मैं तो खड़ा था, इन्होंने यील्ड किया है।

सर, मेन इशु यह है कि यहां लाखों लोग डिमांस्ट्रेशन करने के लिए आये हैं।..**(व्यवधान)**

श्री जगदीश टाइटलर: आप कहते, तो हम भी ले आते।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र: आप ले आइये।...**(व्यवधान)** सुनिये तो सही। जरा सुन लीजिए, आप मिनिस्टर हैं। अगर आप मिनिस्टर होकर के ऐसा बोलते है, तो आपका दिन अब करीब आ गया है।...**(व्यवधान)** सभापति जी, स्वामीनाथन जी जो कुछ अभी बोले हैं, इनका अंत शुरू हो गया है। आप लोगों की बात सुनिये। हम आपसे यही कहना चाहते थे कि यहां लाखों लोग प्रदर्शन करने के लिए आये हैं। सरकार कुछ जवाब देगी, या नहीं—यह हमारी रिक्वेस्ट है।..**(व्यवधान)** डिबेट आप बाद में कीजिये। लेकिन हम सरकार से जवाब चाहते हैं और इसलिए—The Government must reply whether they are going to say something to those who have come here.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No; the Government will respond at an appropriate time..*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: But they should say so...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is a Special mention...*(Interruptions)*....No, this is Special mentions time....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I invite Salve to go there and address the gathering...*(Interruptions)*....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please allow him.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, I want to go on record so far as my party is concerned; let there be a debate on the Economic Policy and if there be a debate, both the sides will have a very fair chance. I have nothing against a reference to the demonstrators being made...*(Interruptions)*....Please don't disturb me. What I certainly object to is abusing or misusing this opportunity to convert it into a full-fledged debate which is very unfair to us. Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: One more intervention....*(Interruptions)*....I think I have given plenty of time. Mr. Maran has been at it for a long time. I will conclude this subject after his speech.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, while we are discussing the New Economic Policy, we have heard from Mr. Swaminathan of AIADMK about their new political policy...*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I think you are going to talk in the same way.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Why don't you listen to me. Mr. Swaminathan, the AIADMK Leader, has been talking about his New Political Policy also for which we thank him. I think he will be stable in his New Political Policy...

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is the next item?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, the new Economic Policy has become a stab in the back of the Indian people because the entire burden of the New Economic Policy and the restructuring has fallen on poor classes, the workers and the middle classes. The Exit Policy is nothing but a euphemism for retrenchment and unemployment. Sir, our developmental activities have come to a standstill. Funds have been slashed. Our economy is going downhill. They talk about the National Renewal Fund. Where is the Renewal Fund? It is yet to be seen. The prices are ballooning up. They are manipulating the figures and showing their wholesale price index whereas the consumer price index has gone up, is ballooning up, is increasing from day to day, hour to hour. Not only that, Sir, the functions of the Cabinet and the Parliament have been usurped by the IMF and the World Bank and the personnel of the IMF and the World Bank are sitting in the North Block and they are dictating terms. Therefore.. *(Interruptions)* .... Therefore, I express my solidarity with the millions of workers who have come over here. I support them...*(interruptions)*....I support them. I support them.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down? Will you please sit down....*(Interruptions)*....Please sit down...*(Interruptions)*....Will you please sit down? Please sit down. This is not a full debate on this subject and I close this. I have given enough scope to every-one. I call Mrs. Satya Bahin. Mrs. Satya Bahin. ...*(Interruptions)*... You have to speak later.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, as a protest against the Government's inability to respond to the debate we are staging a walk-out....*(Interruptions)*...

1.00 P.M.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: The Government must respond. *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Satya Bahin. *(Interruptions)*... Please. Mrs. Satya Bahin. *(Interruptions)*... Please. I have to

give opportunity to other Members also. (*Interruptions*)... I have other subjects also. (*Interruptions*)... please. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir,...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is not to be raised here. (*Interruptions*)... It is not a subject to be raised here. (*Interruptions*)... Please hear the hon. Member. (*Interruptions*)... You have to hear the order of a lady now. (*Interruptions*)... I have given more than enough scope for expression. (*Interruptions*)... Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)... Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): We are walking out in protest against the Government's economic policies. (*Interruptions*)...

[*At this stage some hon. Members left the Chamber*]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please withdraw quietly. (*Interruptions*)... Mrs. Satya Bahin, please listen to me. Mrs. Satya Bahin.

Re. ALLEGED LATHI-CHARGE ON CONGRESS WORKERS IN UTTAR PRADESH

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन (उत्तर प्रदेश): सभापति महोदय, मैं आपका अभिनंदन करते हुए धन्यवाद देती हूं कि सदन में आपके सभापतित्व में मैं पहली बार बोल रही हूं। ...**(व्यवधान)**

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka) : It is unfair on the part of the opposition. Even when the Chair has ruled, the Chair has agreed and the Treasury Benches have agreed for a discussion, it is shameful on the part of the opposition that they have walked out without heeding the words of the chair.

[उपसभापति महोदया पीठासीन हुईं]

उपसभापति: सत्या बहिन आप किस विषय में बोल रही है?

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: मैडम, मैं उत्तर प्रदेश... **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति: यह वाक आउट हो गया तो अब क्या बोलना है?

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: मैडम, मैं उत्तर प्रदेश में पा०ज०पा० के राम राज्य और इंसाफ के बारे में बोल रही हूं।

उपसभापति: किस पर बोल रही है?... **(व्यवधान)** अच्छा, बोलिए-बोलिए।

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: मैडम, उत्तर प्रदेश के हालात इतने बेकाबू हो चुके हैं, वहां हालात बहुत विस्फोटक हैं... **(व्यवधान)**

उपसभापति: जी, पहले वह बोल लें, फिर आप बोलिए।

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: मैं सदन का और केन्द्र सरकार का ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहती हूं कि उत्तर प्रदेश के हालात बदतर हो रहे हैं, वहां की सरकार किस तरह से लोकतांत्रिक शक्तियों को बर्बरता से कुचल रही है। महोदया, देश की एकता और अखंडता के लिए शहीद होने वाली स्व० इंदिरा जी का जन्म-दिवस था 19 नवंबर को और उस दिन लखनऊ में उत्तर प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी के आह्वान पर भारतीय जनता पार्टी की सरकार की जन विरोधी साम्प्रदायिक नीतियों के विरोध में महोदया, भारतीय जनता पार्टी की सरकार का वहां तानाशाही हिटलरशाही है, यह हम सब लोगों का दुर्भाग्य है और वह सरकार अपनी बर्बरता और दंभ में देश को सांप्रदायिकता की आग में झोंकने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश की हिटलरी सरकार तैयार खड़ी हुई है पूरे देश के लिए। महोदया 19 नवम्बर के उस दिन उत्तर प्रदेश कांग्रेस कमेटी के आह्वान पर भारतीय जनता पार्टी की सरकार की नीतियों के खिलाफ एक लोकतांत्रिक तरीके से हम लोगों ने विरोध प्रदर्शन के लिए आयोजन किया। महोदया, मैं आपकी अटेंशन चाहती हूं।

उपसंभापति: हां, मेरी अटेंशन है। मेरे कान तो बिल्कुल आपकी तरफ थे।

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: मैडम, यह बड़ा संवेदनशील मसला है, यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है। इसलिए मैं आपका ध्यान और सदन का भी ध्यान चाहती हूं...**(व्यवधान)** महोदया, उत्तर प्रदेश की राजधानी लखनऊ में जब 19 तारीख को एक विशाल जलूस कांग्रेस पार्टी के अध्यक्ष श्री महावीर प्रसाद जी के नेतृत्व में निकला, उसमें झंडेवाला पार्क में एक सभा हुई, सभा में करीब ढाई-तीन लाख लोग मौजूद थे। सभा के बाद